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TO : General Counsel

DATE: 26 July 1951

FROM : Comptroller

SUBJECT: Interpretation of Section 6, Public Law 70, approved 1 July 1951

1. The Joint Resolution (Public Law 70) approved 1 July 1951 under which we are now operating pending the enactment of appropriations for fiscal year 1952, provides under Section 6 relative to the purchase of passenger-carrying motor vehicles as follows:

"SEC. 6. No passenger-carrying motor vehicles shall be purchased under the terms of this resolution unless specifically authorized by an appropriation act for a department or agency for the fiscal year 1952."

2. Inasmuch as there is pending a PRC action for the purchase of passenger-carrying vehicles for use by the Contact Division field offices, we would appreciate your opinion as to whether or not Section 6 would prohibit such purchase until such time as an appropriation act containing funds for the Agency is passed by Congress for fiscal year 1952.

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